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Subject: Competition At The Crossroads

The Honorable, Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly

Your Honor:

Opportunities to "right" injustice within our increasingly competitive business culture, today, are a greater challenge, indeed more precious than ever and ones that we dare not let slip away.

The precedent that Microsoft has levied so skillfully in decreasing and sometimes even eliminating the ability to compete within the software industry is one that we have an opportunity to change.

This opportunity requires not only ongoing vigilance but firm action in correcting it now. We must not allow it to inadvertently and forever change the way Americans have traditionally and rightfully enjoyed business environments free from monopolistic harassment.

Allowing Microsoft to continue it's present and purposeful course of monopolizing the software industry squeezes-off the lifeblood of our competitive freedoms and strikes at the very core of what makes, and has made, America markedly special among democratic nations.

Your Honor, you have an historic opportunity in changing this course. Nothing less than a fair and just settlement in the Microsoft matter is the responsibility that has been entrusted into your hands

As a Boeing 757 Pilot for America West Airlines, the needs of my employment and home-life require the use of both Microsoft and Macintosh operating system software. I see possibilities for a creative operating system environment that must not be snuffed out.

I ask for your fairness, your wisdom and clear judgement to prevail in the very critical decisions you face.

Sincerely,

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